West Pakistan in Government Service were not in any way disadvantageously placed vis-a-vis their other counterparts.

(b) and (c) The Displaced Persons who had migrated to India from former West Pakistan (now Pakistan) had been rehabilitated long ago under the provisions of Administration of Evacuee Property Act, 1950 and Displaced Persons (Compensation & Rehabilitation) Act, 1954. Those of the Displaced Persons who secured Government service were deemed to have been fully rehabilitated. Such employees could avail of the facilities of housing loan etc. like any other Government employee. The Government does not propose to make a special provision to provide houses to the Displaced Persons who are still in service or have since retired

Defection of Pakistanis at Attari border in Punjab

722. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Pakistanis were apprehended in Delhi after they entered India via Attari in Punjab on false passports:

(b) if so, whether the immigration officials at Attari in Punjab have taken action to prevent such illegal immigrants:

(c) what action has been taken for the lapses of immigration officials; and

(d) whether these lapses were due to the infighting between the immigration officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Despite strict vigilance some Pak nationals manage to enter into India on counterfeit or forged travel documents/passports. Action is taken under the law promptly as and when such persons are detected. From time to time instructions have been issued by the Govt. to the State Govt. of Punjab and the Immigration personnel for exercising greater vigilance and effective enforcement of immigration control at Attari. Appropriate action is also taken against the officials who are found negligent or lax in performing their duties.

(d) No, Sir.

Halt in all Developmental activities in South Bihar due to Jharkhand agitation

723. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agitation for the separate Jharkhand State had some time back resulted in dis-location of the trade and commerce and grinding halt in all development activities for South Bihar districts;

(b) if so, losses incurred in terms of economic activities;

(c) whether Government propose to take fresh initiatives to bring about a negotiated settlement of the problem; and

(d) if so, what are the results of such earlier attempts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) As per the reports received from the Government of Bihar, the Jharkhand agitation did not have any significant impact.

(c) and (d) In a meeting held with the Home Minister on 19.8.93, the Chief Minister of Bihar was advised to consider the comments of the Central Government on the Jharkhand Area Development Council Bill, 1991 sent to the Bihar Government on 22.7.1993. The Chief Minister agreed to call a Special Session of the State Assembly on 30.10.1993 to consider the comments and amend the aforesaid Bill as might be decided by the Assembly.

The Special Session has not been called so far.